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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Steven W. Peters, 19, of Sparta, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty and was sentenced today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker to two years probation for misdemeanor theft of government property.

On October 27, 2006, a Fort McCoy police officer stopped Peters and found 60 pounds of stolen copper wire, belonging to the Department of the Army, in his car. Peters admitted to stealing the wire and was hoping to sell it for money.

The charges against Peters were the result of an investigation conducted by the Fort McCoy Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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